

REMARKS

Claims 4-6 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-3 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited in those claims.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116(b)(1) since the amendments place the application in condition for allowance by canceling non-allowed claims. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the Final Rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

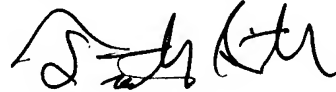
The Office Action, on page 5, states that claims 4-6 are allowed. Applicant appreciates the allowance of these claims.

The Office Action, on page 2, rejects claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with a written description requirement. The Office Action, on page 3, rejects claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,064,157 to O'Neal in view of U.S. Patent No. 892,105 to White and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,700,919 to Saunders, IV. The cancellation of claims 1-3 renders these rejections moot.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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